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PROBATE REPORTS—ANNOTATED. Vol. X. Containing Recent Cases of General Value, Decided in the Courts of the Several States on Points of Probate Law. With notes and references. By WILLIAM LAWRENCE CLARK, of the New York Bar, Author of "Clark on Contracts," &c. Pp. 709. New York: Baker, Voorhis & Co. 1906.

This volume of the Probate Reports follows in general the plan of the preceding volumes. It contains a few more than a hundred cases dealing with such subjects as descent and distribution; appointment, powers, duties and liabilities of executors, administrators, guardians and testamentary trustees; formalities of execution and revocation of wills; likewise, their vesting, payment, abatement, satisfaction and ademption, etc. The feature begun in Volume IX, of this series of appending to certain of the more important cases notes referring to decisions bearing upon apposite principles is continued in the present volume. There appear also, for the first time, memoranda of recent decisions other than the cases fully reported. These are collected at the end of the volume in an appendix, and in the future will constitute a prominent part of the publication, it being announced that hereafter the cases fully reported will be accompanied by many exhaustive, monographic notes thereto, and also an annual digest of all the other decisions during the year of general application and importance on questions of probate law and practice. In the present volume only twenty-nine pages are devoted to such memoranda; but hereafter, it is designed to make such digest complete. The value of this new feature of this publication is obvious, and will commend itself to practitioners generally, particularly to those whose labors are principally in the probate courts.

PRINCIPLES OF THE ENGLISH LAW OF CONTRACT AND OF AGENCY IN ITS RELATION TO CONTRACT. By Sir WILLIAM R. ANSON, Bart., D.C.L. Eleventh English Edition. Second American Copyright Edition, Edited with American Notes by ERNEST W. HUFFCUT, Dean of the Cornell University College of Law. Oxford University Press, American Branch, New York, Pp. li, 464.

Sir William Anson's treatise on the law of contract holds an enviable place among text-books, and its merit has won it a recognition which renders commendation unnecessary. In the present edition the author has himself revised the text

and by citation of leading recent authorities has brought the book up to date. A careful comparison of the present edition with former editions shows more than a perfunctory revision. While the author has not found it necessary to depart from the statements made by him on previous occasions, these statements are in numerous instances recast in clearer and simpler form. The selection of recent decisions is made, it is perhaps needless to say, with admirable discrimination. It does not profess, however, to be more than a selection.

In form the book is somewhat changed, the original annotations being abandoned, and in their place paragraph headings being substituted. These headings have been given with evident care, and in addition to the fact that they more readily catch the eye than the former annotations, they seem to us to be an improvement both in respect to their larger number and their contents.

Professor Huffcut has expanded the American notes to a marked degree, and has rendered a valuable service to the many American lawyers who have found in Sir William Anson's book a satisfactory analysis of the principles of contract.

With the printer's aid the material has been compressed into a book of the same size as the former American edition, and there is thus lost something of the attractive appearance of the earlier edition, which was almost a model of law-book printing. But in view of the modern tendency to expand legal treatises into series of volumes, this effort to present the subject in compact form will no doubt meet with favor.

Were it not for the fact that Anson on Contracts is an authority the merit of which is universally recognized we should with pleasure take this opportunity to refer to its many points of superiority. Under the circumstances such a discussion of the book would be, we believe, superfluous.

PRINCIPLES OF CONTRACT AT LAW AND IN EQUITY. By Sir FREDERICK POLLOCK, Bart. Third American from the Seventh English Edition. With Annotations and Additions by GUSTAVUS H. WALD, Late Dean of the Law School of the University of Cincinnati, and SAMUEL WILLISTON, Weld Professor of Law in Harvard University. New York: Baker, Voorhis & Co. 1906. Pp. cliv. 985.

This work and the recently published edition of Anson on Contracts, edited by Professor Huffcut, will serve better than any other two text-books on the subject to place before the